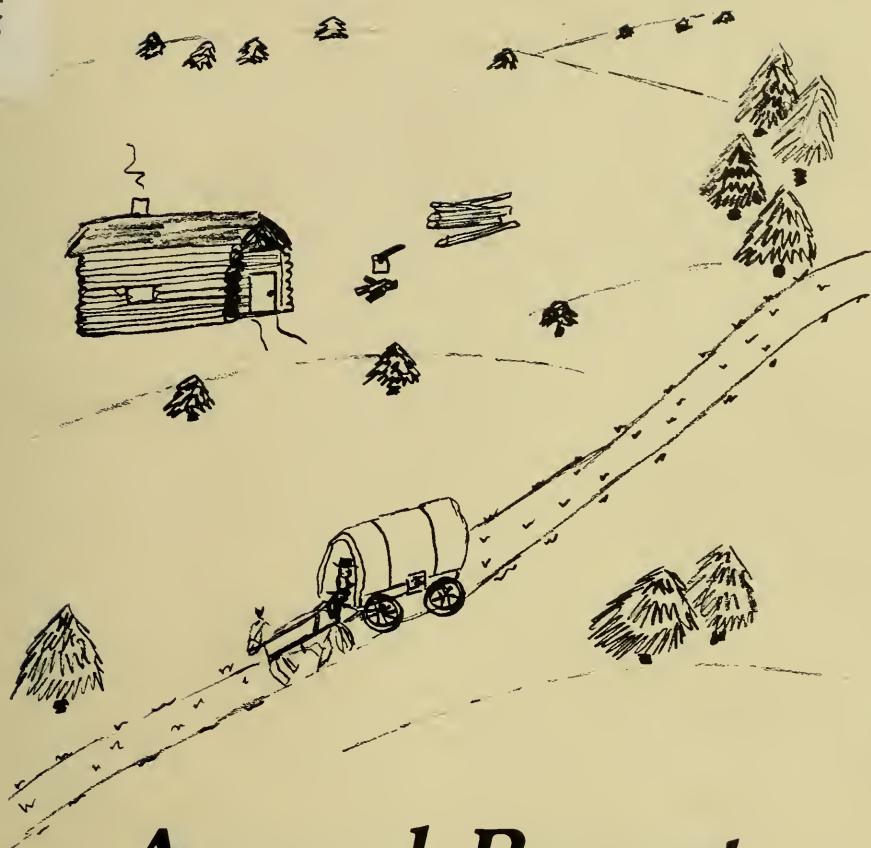


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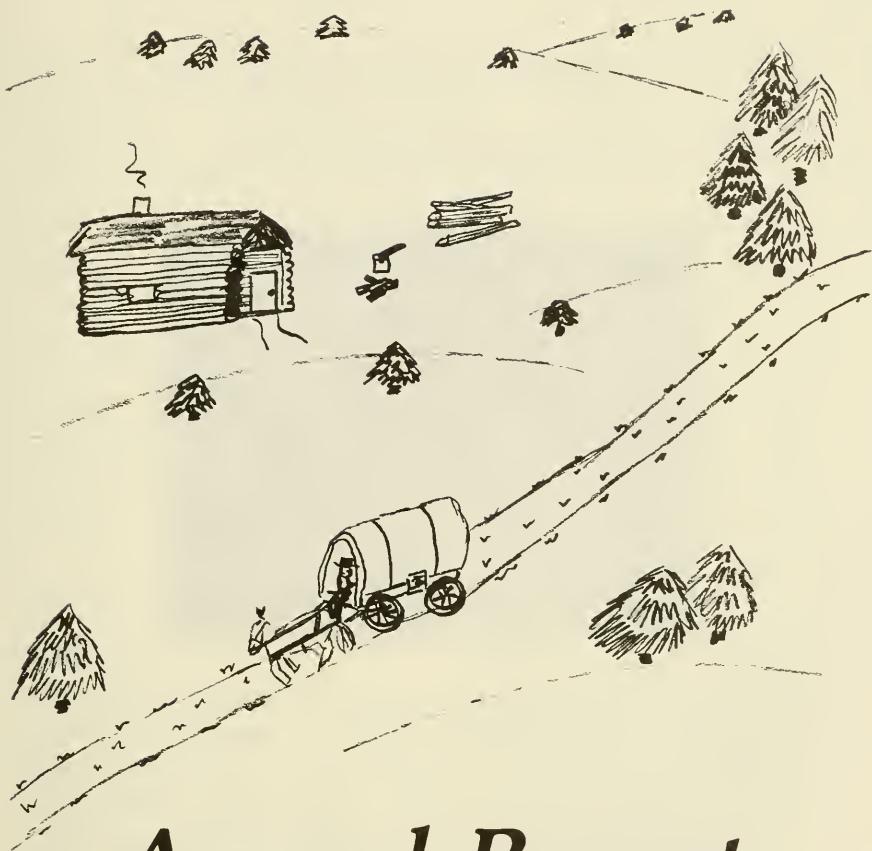


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For the Town of

BENTON **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For the Year Ending December 31, 1990



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The 1990 Town Report Is Dedicated To:

James J. Page and Ruth S. Page



Jim Page, our quiet, smiling, retired Town Officer from the West part of Benton is a Dartmouth graduate, and a geologist. He was with the U.S. Army Engineers during WW 11 and later, after a further degree and a second stint with the U.S. Geological Survey, he returned to manage the family farm. He married Ruth Spinnin in 1950 and they had two children, Jeff and Debbie. Jim and Ruth became an important part of Benton as Jim was Selectman for 29 years, the Moderator for 15 years, a Surveyor of Wood & Lumber for 14 years and a Planning Board member for 6 years. Ruth was the Town Clerk for 15 years and a longtime School Board member until her death in 1972. Jim is also a Director, officer and active participant in many other County and State Organizations.

All of Benton thank Jim Page, and in turn, Ruth, for their many years of self-less, capable, service to the Town.

TOWN OF BENTON, NH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1990

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen:	Marjorie Robitzer	1991
	Peter Thompson	1992
	John G. Elliott	1993
Moderator:	Daniel Elliott	1991
Town Clerk:	Helena Harris	1991
Tax Collector:	Dorothy Elliott	1991
Treasurer:	Priscilla Boutin	1991
Auditor:	Barbara Roden	1991
Supervisors of The Check List:		
	Seraphene Harris	1991
	Catherine Elliott	1992
	Jane Elliott	1993
Trustee of Trust Funds:		
	Edward Matz	1991
	Scott Roden	1992
	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1993
Survey of Wood & Lumber:		
	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1991
Dog Officer:	Unfilled	1991
Sexton:	Unfilled	1991
Ballot Clerk:	Iona Boutin	1991
Ballot Inspector:	Kate Goodwin	1991

Town Officers Phone Numbers & Office Hours:

Selectmen: Marjorie Robitzer 787-6053
John Elliott, Jr. 787-6781
Peter Thompson 787-6598

Selectmen sit the first Monday of every month at the Benton Community Bldg. from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Office phone number is 787-6541.

Town Clerk: Helena Harris 787-6901

Town Clerk hours are every Monday night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Benton Community Building. Office phone number is 787-6541.

Tax Collector: Dorothy Elliott 787-6197

Tax Collector has office hours in her home. Please call ahead to make an appointment.

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin 787-6784

The Treasurer has office hours in her home. Please call ahead to make an appointment.

Supervisors of the Check List: Catherine Elliott 787-6781
Serephine Harris 787-6368

Jane Elliott 787-6641

Supervisors sit at designated times. These times will be posted in a local paper.

Moderator: Daniel Elliott 787-6189

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:

Joseph Boutin, Jr. 787-6083

Should the need arise to speak to Mr. Boutin, please call his home and make an appointment.

Road Agent: Daniel Elliott 787-6189

Should you need to reach your road agent, call his home.

Planning Board: Catherine Steel 787-6861

Kenneth Kealey 787-6084

Joseph Boutin, Jr. 787-6083

The Planning Board meets the first Monday of the month. If you should need to speak to them, call at home and make an appointment.

Dog Officer: Position unfilled

If the need arises for a Dog Officer, you can call one of the Selectmen and they will help you.

Sexton: Position Unfilled

If the need for a Sexton arises you can call the Selectmen. This position was unable to be filled at Town Meeting so the town took it upon themselves to volunteer help for the work done in the cemeteries.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

Grafton, SS

Town Of Benton

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, (the 12th) at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for a term of 3 years, a Treasurer, a Tax Collector, an Auditor, and a Sexton for a term of 1 year. a Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of 3 years and any other necessary Town Officers or agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected for the year 1991 and to be re-paid therefrom.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to put property taxes in the Town of Benton on a semi-annual instead of an annual basis. The dates and percentage of payments to be set at this meeting by the voters present.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for roads, previously established.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Tunnel Brook Bridge that has been previously established.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for Benton's share of a maximum of \$4000, to be used in conjunction with the North Country Council's efforts to assist with the furthering of the plan for an affordable re-cycling

plan for the Ammonoosuc Solid Waste District.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, to raise and appropriate all sums so determined for said purposes, and to pass any other vote relating thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer for sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collectors Deeds.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to put the money raised from the sale of grave sites in the Town Cemeteries, into a trust fund to be used for the maintainance of Town Cemeteries.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote that money set aside in the budget for fires be put into a special fund for the following purposes:

To pay the expense of fires in town; to accumulate, plus interest, for the anticipated building of a fire-house, purhcase of fire equipment, establish dry hydrants or any other expense pertaining to fires in Benton as designated by the voters in Town.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to contribute to the New Hampshire Property Taxpayer's Defense Fund for the purpose of entering a suit to hold the State of New Hampshire accountable for the unfunded mandates it imposes on local taxpayers, and to set an amount for this purpose.

A True Copy - Attest

Benton Selectmen

John Elliott

Peter Thompson

Marjorie Robitzer

TOWN OF BENTON

Summary of Inventory Valuation

Land-Improved and Unimproved:

Under Current Use - 1080.7 Acres	74,840
All Other - 6,259.7 Acres	\$3,455.170
Total of Taxable Land	<hr/> \$3,530.010
Tax exempt & non-taxable	24,077.7 acres
Assessed at \$6,344.690	
Buildings	
Residential	3,926,440
Manufactured Housing	286,390
Public Utilities	
New Hampshire Elec. Coop.	240,218
New England Powe Co.	36,912
New England Hydro-Transmission	457,314
Valuation before Exemptions	<hr/> \$8,477,311
Elderly Exemption (1 @ \$5,000)	-5,000
NET VALUATION	<hr/> \$8,472,311
SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY as of December 31, 1990	
Town Hall- land and building	\$ 55,950
Furniture and Equipment	2,170
Old Town Clerks office and Furnishings	330
TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 58,450

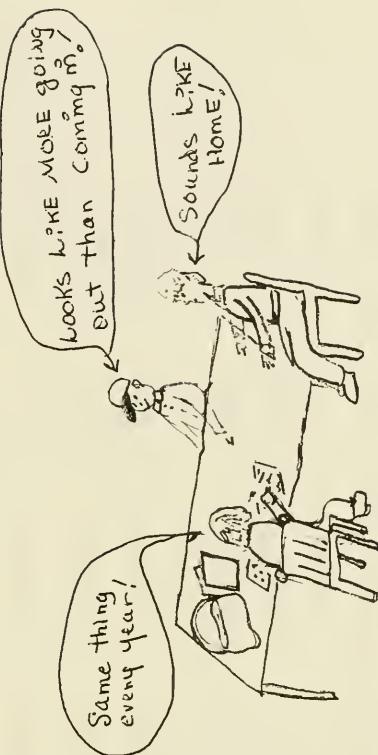
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Town Clerks Building Bought
\$235.00



BUDGET & SUMMARY ANALYSIS - ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES

	Expenses 1989	Appropriated 1990	Expenses 1990	Estimate 1991
Town Officers Salaries:	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,150
Town Officers Expenses	1,551	1,500	1,690	1,700
Elections:	298	1,050	1,184	400
Cemeteries	152	350		350
Community Building:	1,355	1,500	2,154	1,600
Planning Board:	164	500	72	500
Legal Expenses:		500		500
Reginal Associations:	680	725	705	750
Town Clerk Fees:	156	150	157	150
Fire Department:	1,285	6,000	4,536	4,500
Town Road Maintenance:	24,843	22,000	29,552	25,000
Ammonoosuc Solid Waste Dist:	2,270	200	174	200
Total Health Expenditures:	1,722	1,750	1,750	2,000
General Welfare:	220	500	125	500
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes:	3,199	3,000	3,434	3,400

	Expenses 1989	Appropriated 1990	Expenses 1990	Estimate 1991
Trust Funds - (2):	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Insurance:	1,569	2,000	1,619	1,700
 TOTALS	 \$51,617	 \$54,875	 \$59,277	 \$55,400
School Appropriation:	59,812			131,729
County Assessments:	18,575			13,834
 TOTAL Expenditures	 \$130,004			 \$204,840



BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS
Estimate of Revenue

Sources of Revenue	Rec'd 1989	Est. 1990	Rec'd 1990	Est. 1991
From local taxes: Yield Taxes	\$ 9,052.57	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,178.65	\$ 7,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	530.61	700.00	1,247.21	1,500.00
Inventory Penalties	60.00	130.00	60.00	60.00
Intergovernmental Revenue:				
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	4,238.30	4,200.00	4,804.59	4,200.00
Highway Block Grant	9,416.50	8,418.15	8,418.15	7,966.07
Intergovernmental Revenues - Federal:				
National Forest Reserve (½)	6,170.72	8,750.00	8,278.63	8,300.00
Federally Owned Entitlement Lands	2,356.00	2,500.00	2,659.00	2,500.00
Flood Damage, Disaster Relief			1,606.00	
Licenses & Permits:				
Motor Vehicle Fees	14,143.00	13,000.00	14,402.00	13,000.00
Dog Licenses & Fees	794.00	200.00	281.50	250.00
Misc. Permits & Planning Bd. Fees	145.00	150.00	201.00	200.00

	Rec'd 1989	Est. 1990	Rec's 1990 Est. 1991
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Income From Trust Funds \$	418.12	\$ 500.00	\$ 444.59 \$ 450.00
Interest on Deposits	1,069.78	1,000.00	1,453.03 1,000.00
Total Revenue from all sources except Property Taxes	\$48,394.60	\$47,048.00	\$51,034.35 \$46,926.07

"If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character,"

"If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home,"

"If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation,"

"When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1991

This year seems to have come and gone with no spectacular problems, for which we can be thankful. We had several sessions of early thaws and heavy rains and again the cellar flooded and knocked out the furnace in the Community building. The water also froze at one point last winter due to little ground cover and lots of cold weather. John Elliott borrowed a plumbers snake and has found and opened the old drain from the cellar and we rewired the connection to the sump pump so that it should be more reliable. We have had similar conditions since then and all systems worked well.

Burts Rubbish has installed two dumpsters at the Town Hall parking lot and instituted a new system of rubbish removal for Benton. Most people have been paying \$16.00 a month to have rubbish removed once a week. Now each participating family is assessed \$10.00 per month. It does seem that if we all do our part in keeping rubbish to three or four bags per family per week and keeping an eye on who is using this facility that we can all save a bit of money and still continue to have our rubbish removed.

We had no cemetery expenses that year thanks to the volunteers who kept the cemeteries mowed and trimmed. Much credit is due all these volunteers, especially Bob and Carol Miles who kept the project organized and moving. Our thanks to all these people for an excellent job well done.

As to roads, which is the largest item in town expenses, we have four snow storms in quick succession last February after having three storms in January with the usual couple inches each day or so which require plowing and sanding. Dan Elliott did get a couple of days, January 9th and 10th, when he cut a couple of trees and a lot of brush at the end of Howe Hill Rd., and on Bowles Rd. to make it possible to get the plowing done faster. He then did a lot more brush and tree removal on Howe Hill Rd. and on Tunnel Brook Rd. in late March and early April.

May and June were months when Howe Hill Rd. and Tunnel Brook Rd. both got the cold patch treatment, ditch cleaning and gravel where it was necessary.

A bad storm in early July and another in early August erased almost all the previous repairs. John Elliott applied for and we received Federal money for flood damage so we then re-graded and re-patched.

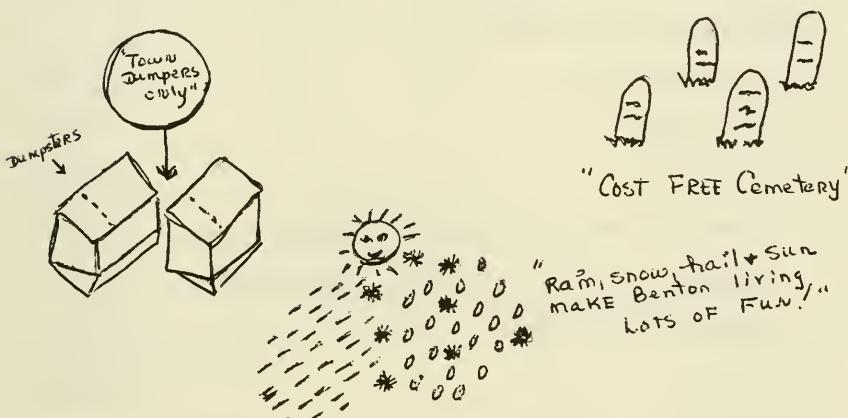
In order to try to correct a long standing icing condition on Tunnel Brook Rd. at Paul Boutins, Dan dug 2 diagonal ditches and buried drains and covered this with crushed stone to direct water into a channel. It seems to be working as of January; if so, permanent repairs will be done this summer.

Our biggest problem is the large increase in our tax rate. We have been comfortably under the rates for the surrounding towns but with a shrinking state budget for schools, Benton's Foundation Aid was cut

from \$79,000 in 88-89, to \$15,000 this past year and the figure for the coming year is about \$13,000. We did get an increase in assessments of 5.4% from the New England Hydro-Transmission line that crosses a corner of Benton. This helped a bit to off-set the drop in State Aid but the final figures show that we can expect that our tax rate will not go down for 1991.

After re-reading this, I guess we have had our share of town problems but, on the whole, it does seem that we can all be glad that we live up here in the hills and hope that we can all work together to make 1991 a good year for Benton.

SELECTMEN OF BENTON



DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS
By the Selectmen

Town Officer's Salaries:

Dorothy Elliott, Tax Collector	\$ 300.00
Laurie Elliott, Auditor	25.00
Marjorie Robitzer, Selectmen	500.00
Peter Thompson, Selectman	300.00
John Elliott, Selectman	300.00
Priscilla Boutin, Treasurer	300.00
Helena Harris, Town Clerk	300.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr. Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	100.00

	\$2,125.00

Town Officers Expenses:

Town Reports	\$ 750.00
Postage	199.80
Notices	180.00
General Office & Clerical Supplies	131.22
Books, Dog Tags, Mileage, Telephone Tax Collectors Bills & County Registration Fees.	429.14

	\$1,690.16

Election and Registrations:

Catherine Elliott	197.60
Jane Elliott	121.60
Seraphine Harris	197.60
Election Notices	150.00
John G. Elliott	91.20
Marjorie L. Robitzer	91.20
Peter Thompson	30.40
Daniel Elliott, Moderator	91.20
Iona Boutin	60.80
Kate Goodwin	60.80
Helena Harris, Town Clerk	91.20
	\$1,183.60

Planning Board	\$ 72.00
Insurance & Bonds	1,619.00
Dump	174.34
Welfare	124.69

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Fuel Oil	\$1,139.38
Telephone	291.54
Electric	166.43
Oil Burner Repair & Cleaning	552.16
Misc.	4.91

\$ 2,154.42

Dues	
N.H. Tax Collectors Assn.	15.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Assn.	12.00
North Country Council	278.30
N.H. Municipal Assn.	400.00

\$ 705.30

Health Department

Woodsville Fire Dist. Ambulance	\$ 1,439.00
Tri-County Community Action	111.00
White Mt. Mental Health	100.00
N.Country Home Health Service	100.00

\$1,750.00

TAxes bought by the town	\$ 2,713.42
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	88.88
Interest on Tax Anticipation Loans	3,434.11
Loan Repayments	85,000.00
State of N.H. Dog License Fund	49.00
County tax	13,785.00
Payments to Schools	113,562.61
Payments to Capital Reserve Fund - Roads	6,000.00
Payments to Capital Reserve Fund - Tunnel Brook Bridge	4,000.00
Town Clerk Fees	157.00
Fire Department	4,536.00
TOWN ROADS	
Winter Roads	
2/5/90 Ide's Salt	65.35
2/5/90 Dan Elliott, Labor & Equipment	3,040.00
3/5/90 Dan Elliott	3,164.00
4/2/90 Dan Elliott	2,854.00
11/6/90 200 Yds. Sand	600.00
11/6/90 Hauling & Mixing Sand	835.00
12/3/90 Azco, Salt	446.15
12/3/90 Dan Elliott	2,154.10
12/3/90 Ides, Chloride	17.90
12/3/90 Crushed Stone	160.00
12/3/90 Drainage Pipe	72.00
12/27/90 Dan Elliott	3,330.00
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	\$ 16,738.50

SUMMER ROADS

2/5/90	Cut brush - Bowles Rd., Finn's Rd.	\$ 312.00
5/7/90	Dan Elliott, Lab or & Equipment	1,931.00
5/7/90	Blaktop, Inc.	278.40
6/4/90	Ide's , Brooms	26.90
7/2/90	Gravel, 161 Yds @ 3.00	483.00
7/2/90	Dan Elliott	3,021.00
8/5/90	Blaktop, Inc.	176.90
8/5/90	Morrill, Gravel	36.00
8/5/90	Michael Harris, Mowing	150.00
8/5/90	Dan Elliott	2,316.00
8/5/90	Gravel, 21 Yds.	63.00
9/10/90	Morrill, Gravel	42.00
9/10/90	Blaktop, Inc.	156.60
9/10/90	Agway, Polyfilm	105.95
10/1/90	Dan Elliott	1,342.00
10/1/90	Gravel, 8 Yds.	24.00
11/6/90	Dan Elliott	2,349.00

TOTAL \$12,813.75

Total Road Cost for 1990	\$29,552.25
Total Payments	\$274,476.78

Total Disbursements
for Year 1899 - \$2,016.31

Town Reports
1899
\$ 13.20

Town Officers Bills
1899
Postage - \$1.00

A BRIEF HISTORY OF GLENCLIFF HOME FOR THE ELDERLY
by Robert Nystrom, RNC, Director of Nursing
(as taken from the book "Still Some More Things
About Coventry Benton) by Robert Fillion

On the southern slope of Mount Moosilauke in the township of Benton, lies a state facility little known to the people of New Hampshire and only slightly known to residents living in surrounding towns. Called Glencliff Home For The Elderly, this institution was originally constructed as a tuberculosis sanitorium.

Dr. Ezra Mitchell, a physician from Lancaster and victim of tuberculosis, traveled extensively at the turn of the century to study treatment programs for TB all over the world: predominately in Europe. This study was presented to the Governor on Nov. 1, 1902 with the recommendation that a facility should be built with a southeasterly exposure at an elevation of no less than 500 feet above sea level near an easily accessible railroad.

The southern slope of Moosilauke in the town of Benton was selected as meeting those requirements. Construction of the sanitorium began in 1908 and was completed in early 1909. The doors opened to the first patient on Sept. 14, 1909. There were two wards, one for men and one for women, an administration building, a boiler house, and a power plant. Patients who could pay for services were expected to do so but those who were indigent were expected to pay in the form of work as soon as their condition allowed. This practice remained in effect for many years. Some patients remained as permanent employees.

Over the years a laundry was built, the wards were enlarged, a service building was built along with a dining room, and a large recreation hall. A barn, piggery, and house for the farmer were also built during 1910-1920. Large cement vaults were constructed and connected to allow travel between buildings without exposure to the weather. These tunnels held the steam lines and wiring coming from the power plant.

The surgery was performed at the facility with many surgeons traveling here for the purpose as well as training in the field. Dr. Charles Bartlett served as the first superintendent until June 1910.

Treatment for tuberculosis patients consisted of cold air therapy, high calorie high protein diets, and surgery. Later years saw the advent of the Alpine Sun Lamp and Kromay Lamp. In the 30's, pneumolysis phrenic nerve crush and thoracoplasty were used extensively. Chemotherapy was instituted in 1941. With the discovery of antituberculous drugs, it was found there was a dramatic reduction in the need for hospitalization of tuberculous patients. Treatments could be performed at local hospitals with the follow up care at home.

The N.H. State Sanitorium closed its doors to TB patients in 1971. Because of the economic impact the closing would have on the surrounding communities, new ideas were explored to try to find a need for the facility. During the 1960's and early 1970's, there was a large population of patients at New Hampshire Hospital causing a severe housing shortage. It was decided to transfer some of the elderly psychiatric patients to this facility to ease the crisis at N.H.H.

Today through an act of Legislature, the N.H. State Sanitorium has had its name changed to Glencliff Home For The Elderly. The current facility houses 130 psychiatric-geriatric residents. The farm is no longer in operation but power is still produced by the use of a water wheel situated at the base of the mountain. Supplemental electricity is produced by a diesel generator. A steam turbine is kept in reserve for emergencies. There is still a large maple orchard which produces syrup for the residents. This was modernized several years ago by using tubing, thus eliminating the collection of sap by buckets.

Residents are offered a diversity of activities including many trips into the community, on-campus

socials, and outdoor games. A large garden and green-house provide residents with fresh vegetables and flowers year round. Work therapy is offered to any resident wishing to perform any form of work to their liking.

Glencliff Home For The Elderly is today a beautiful combination of the past, present and future. Improvements in buildings continue along with nursing and diversional activities facilities. Residents are free to travel the grounds and are encouraged to enjoy the gorgeous environment in which they live.

On cool, crisp days the steam whistle which is blown twice daily can be heard for miles. The sound instills a sense of quiet grace, a feeling of well-being and a nostalgic touch of the past.

DAN ELLIOTT - ROAD MAINTANANCE ACCOUNT

	Plowing	Sanding	Labor	Men with saw	Patrol	Culvert Thaw	Backhoe	Dozer	Hauling
January	\$1400	\$1400	\$	\$ 312	\$ 105	\$ 30	\$ 105	\$	\$
February	1750	1225	24		60			105	
March	550	200	320	384	210		1190		
April	100		50	248	108	240	1085	100	
May									
June		144	22				Grading	175	1330
July		416			60	200		1190	900
August-Sept.			65		90			962	450
October		350		144	120	400		1225	225
November		525	450	142	192	120		525	700
December		1540	1008	280		240		262	200
	\$5,865	\$4,333	\$1,989	\$1,162	\$1,245	\$1,080	\$6,824	\$1,575	\$2,575

Dan Elliott, Total
 Material & Supplies \$26,648.10
 Michael Harris, Mowing 2,754.15
 _____ 150.00
 Total Expenditures \$29,552.25

TOWN OF BENTON, N.H.
Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures for Year Ending: Dec. 31, 1990

	Appropriations	Reimbursements	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Bal.	Over-Draft
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,125	\$ 25		
Town Officers Expenses	1,500	106	1,606	1,690		84
Planning Board	500	105	605	72	533	
Elections	1,050		1,050	1,184		134
Community Building	1,500		1,500	2,154		654
Town Clerk Fees	150		150	157		7
Legal Expenses	500		500		500	
Insurance & Bonds	2,000	151	2,151	1,619	532	
Dues To Organizations	725		725	705	20	
Health Donations, including Ambulance Service	1,750		1,750	1,750		
Ammonoosuc Solid Waste Dist.	200		200	174	26	
Welfare	500		500	125	375	
Cemeteries	350	299	649		649	

	Approp- riations	Reimbu- rsements	Total Avail- able	Expend- itures	Unexpend- ed Bal.	Over- Draft
Interest	\$ 3,000	\$	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,434	\$ 434	
Capital Reserve Funds	10,000		10,000		10,000	
Fire Dept.	6,000		6,000	4,536	1,464	
Police Dept.	1,000		1,000		1,000	
Roads	22,000	1,752	23,752	29,552	5,800	
	\$54,875	\$	\$	\$59,277	\$5,124	\$7,113
						<u>5,124</u>
					NET OVERDRAFT-	\$1,989

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST
RANGER

During Calender Year 1990, the State of New Hampshire experienced an average number of wildfires. The three leading causes of these wildfires were fires kindled without a permit from the Forest Fire Warden, permit fires that escaped control and rekindled fires. All of these fires are preventable, but ONLY with your help.

Please help your town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. New Hampshire State Law (RSA 224:27 II) requires that, "No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or burn or cause to be burned any material in the open, except whrn the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden of the town where the burning is to be done."

Violations of RSA 224:27 II and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$1,000 and/or a year in jail and you are also liable for all fire supprssion costs.

The State of New Hampshire, Division of Forests and Lands assisted many towns in wildland fire suppression during 1990, including a 262 acre fire in Moultonboro and several fires in Hooksett.

In 1990, the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands trained 844 local Wardens and Deputy Wardens in the Incident Command System (ICS), an incident management system for all types of emergencies. In 1991, Wardens will be trained in the use of Class A foam in wildfire

suppression.

If you have any questions regarding New Hampshire forest fire laws, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden, State Forest Ranger, or the Division of Forests and Lands at 271-2217.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1990

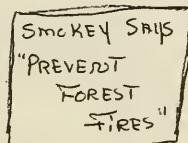
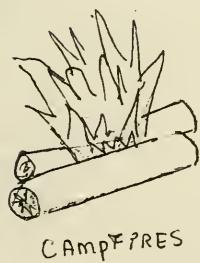
<u>STATE</u>	<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>TOWN OF</u>	<u>Benton</u>
Number of fires	489	10	0
Acres Burned	473	2.6	0

John Q Ricard

William J. Harris

Forest Ranger

Forest Fire Warden



TREASURER'S REPORT - 1990

Received from Tax Collector:

1987 Tax Sale Redeemed	\$ 213.92
Cost of Sale	<u>80.81</u>
	\$294.73
1988 Tax Sale Redeemed	\$281.82
Cost of Sale	<u>49.61</u>
	\$331.43
1989 Property TAX Collected	\$10,023.37
TAxes Bought by the Town	2,396.36
Property Tax Interest	179.90
Tax Sale Interest	731.49
Cost of Sales	203.00
Inventory Penalties	<u>30.00</u>
	\$13,564.12
1990 Property TAX Collected	\$124,999.23
Property Tax Interest	2.40
Inventory Penalties	30.00
Yield Tax Collected, Including Money Withdrawn from Escrow	<u>7,189.57</u>
	\$132,221.40
1990 Trust Funds	
Cemeteries	\$ 298.76
Highways	<u>145.83</u>
	\$444.59

Received From Selectmen:

Pistol Permits	24.00
Fee-Copying Check List	6.50
Fee-Copy of Zong Regulations	5.00
Private Phone Calls	3.00
Hall Rent	20.00
Insurance Refund	151.00
Planning Board	105.00
Building Permits	<u>47.00</u>
	\$361.50

Received From Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$14,312.00
Motor Vehicle Transfers	90.00
Dog Licenses Issued	<u>281.50</u>
	\$14,683.50

Received from State of New Hampshire:	
Highway Block Grant	\$ 8,418.15
Disaster Relief - Flood Damage	1,606.00
Nat'l Forest Reserve	17,501.22
State Revenue Sharing	<u>4,804.59</u>
	\$32,329.96

Received from Federal Land Entitlement	\$ 2,659.96
Received from Fleet Bank - Tax Anticipation Loan	65,000.00
USF Check Penalty Received	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 261,905.23
Bank Balance	
from (12/31/89)	17,201.50
Interest	<u>1,211.03</u>
	\$ 280,317.76
Less Selectmen's Orders	<u>274,476.78</u>
Checking Acct. Balance	
12/31/90	\$ 5,840.98

Yield Account # 30502	
Balance 12/31/89	\$5544.49
Deposits	2562.43
Interest	<u>242.00</u>
	\$8348.92
Withdrawals	<u>5523.01</u>
Balance	\$2825.91
12/31/90	

Respectfully Submitted

Priscilla Boutin,
Treasurer

Balance in hands of
Treasurer at end of
Year 1892 - # 31.87



A CAT'S PRAYER

Now hear this! You may live in this dwelling with me, but keep in mind your sole purpose for existing is to care for me. I pray God keeps you able to do so.

Feed me well and promptly, so that I may then find a quiet place to lie down and stare at you. If that place happens to be on top of the television set, do not keep trying to dislodge me even though my tail is hanging in the middle of the picture.

I expect full run of the premises, including the kitchen table. I sniff your food only to see if I would prefer it to mine. Brush me twice a week. Pet me as often as you wish, but I can do without the idiotic statements you utter as you do so.

When I bump my head against your leg or cheek, it means I accept you as part of my environment. Keep in mind that if I thought the lady next door would feed me better, I'd be out of her in a minute. If you're looking for loyalty, get a dog!

OLD FOLKS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE

Old folks are worth a fortune: with silver in their hair gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs. I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years; some might even call me a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charley Horse comes along and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. (He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed - with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter.

I told him I do - all the time. No matter where I am - in the parlor, upstairs in the kitchen or down in the basement - I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"

"STILL SOME MORE THINGS ABOUT
COVENTRY BENTON "

By Robert G. Fillion

This book was published in 1989. Mr. Fillion states that the purpose of this book is to widely disseminate as much information on local history as is feasible, using a format and method of publication adapted to limited local public.

This book is 72 pages long and well worth the time to read it and the money spent.

To get such a book, write to Mr. Robert Fillion, 1A Chapel Street, Woodsville, NH 03785 or call 747- 2052

Recommended by:

Helena Harris
Benton Town Clerk

TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

Received From 1990 Motor Vehicle Permits:

268 Permits:	\$14,312.00
18 Transfers:	90.00
	<u>\$14,402.00</u>

Received From 1990 Dog Licenses:

57 Licenses:	\$ 281.50
0 Fines & Penalties:	\$
	<u>\$ 281.50</u>

Total Money Incoming: \$14,683.50

Fees Retained By Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits:	\$ 134.00
Dog Licenses:	28.50
	<u>\$ 162.50</u>

Total Income:	\$14,683.50
Less Clerk Fees:	\$ 162.50
	<u>\$14,521.00</u>

Total Turned Over To Treasurer: \$14,521.00

Helena L. Harris

Benton Town Clerk



1915 Town Clerk
earned \$25.00

BENTON CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS

We will all remember that the taxpayers decided at last years Town Meeting to take care of the cemeteries in town on a voluntary basis. I want to thank all who participated in this action. I enjoyed your company and you all seemed to enjoy the work and want to do it again. You can accomplish almost anything by working together, a point I learned as a young man, plus the bonds of friendship that are woven through a common goal. In this case that common goal was saving our tax dollars. Just imagine what we could save if we extended this to other town projects. The cemeteries look nice, as pride and care went into the work and I was very proud to work with you. It makes life worth living.

Before work could be started on the High Street Cemetery, a bridge across a mountain stream had to be built. This was done, at no expense to the town, by Robert & Carol Miles. The material for the bridge was trucked in by Frank & Matt Drew. There is a lot more to be done at the High Street Cemetery though. It will take a couple of years and much help will be needed to complete this cemetery.

Robert Miles

To the best of my knowledge, the following is a list of townspeople who faithfully worked in the cemeteries:

BOUTIN CORNER CEMETERY

William Harris

Edward Matz

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

Melinda Boutin

Sam Boutin Sr.

David Boutin

Mabel Boutin

Tamera Boutin

April Boutin

Angela Boutin

Paul Boutin

HIGH STREET CEMETERY

Joseph Boutin Sr.

Barbara Roden

Buster Boutin

Stephen Cimikowski

Kenneth Kealey

Kelly Cimikowski

Scott Roden

Louis Boutin

Ryan Roden

Nancy Gendron

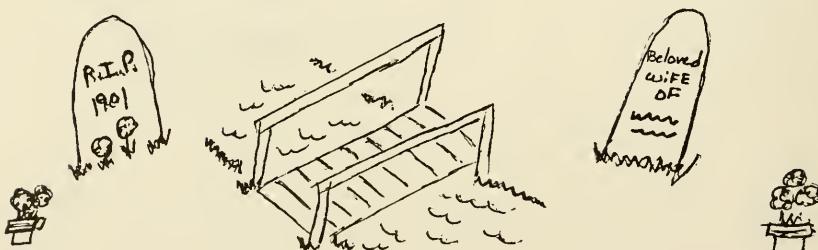
Shawn Roden

Robert Miles

John Roden

Carol Miles

Flowers were put in the cemetery by Sera Harris.



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1990

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year	1990	1989
Property Taxes	\$.....	\$12,449.73
Taxes Committed To Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$155,388.89(a)	\$.....
Yield Taxes	\$ 7,434.39	\$.....
Overpayments:		
Yield Taxes a/c	\$ 68.88	\$.....
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	\$.....	\$ 931.34
Cost on Delinquent Taxes:	\$.....	\$ 203.00
Penalties on Resident Taxes:	\$ 2.40	\$.....
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$162,894.56	\$13,584.12

(a) Includes \$140.00 - Inventory Penalties
for 1990

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes:	\$125,029.43(a)	\$12,449.73
Yield Taxes:	\$ 7,247.53	\$.....(b)
Interest on Taxes:	\$ 2.40	\$ 931.39
Costs:	\$.....	\$ 203.00

Abatements Allowed:

Property Taxes:	\$ 199.95	\$.....
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Uncollected Taxes - End of
Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes:	\$ 30,159.51	\$.....
Yield Taxes:	\$ 255.74	\$.....

TOTAL Credits:	\$162,894.74	\$13,584.12
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(a) Includes \$30.00 Inventory Penalties (1990)

(b) Includes \$30.00 Inventory Penalties (1989)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1990

DEBITS

Tax Lien on account of Levies of...
1989 1988 1987

Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of Fiscal year:	\$.....	\$ 765.29	\$ 205.67
Taxes Sold to Town During Fiscal Year:	\$ 2,713.42
Interest Collected After Lien Execution:	39.61	80.81
Redemption Cost:	10.00	8.25
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Total Debits:	\$ 2,713.42	\$ 814.90	\$ 294.73

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer during Fiscal year;			
Redemptions:	281.82	213.92
Interest & Costs:	49.61	80.81
Unredeemed TAxes End of Year:	2,713.42	483.47
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Total Credits:	\$ 2,713.42	\$ 814.90	\$ 294.73



AMMONOOSUC SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

The Ammonoosuc Solid Waste District includes Benton, Bath, Haverhill and Monroe. In 1990 the District Board re-evaluated the viability of developing a regional recycling center. It was determined that in the long run a regional recycling center is necessary to meet existing and future State and Federal mandates, save taxpayers money in the future and conserve future resources. The District believes that although there presently is not a great deal of revenue available through the sale of recyclable material, every pound or yard of material collected will save the taxpayers money for disposal costs.

The Town of Haverhill took the lead and volunteered a site on Rt 116. The facility will be owned and operated by the Town of Haverhill. Residents in neighboring regional communities will be eligible to access the facility if they agree to assist Haverhill in recouping their initial capital investment.

The District hopes the Towns around Haverhill will set up collection containers in central locations. When the containers are full they can be hauled to the central processing and storage facility in Haverhill. The facility should be ready to accept material in August of 1991. Initially glass, cardboard, newspaper, aluminum, tin cans, tires, scrap metal, white goods and plastic will be collected at the facility. Expect and look for information next year publicizing the recycling program.

Town Meeting Minutes - 1990

Agreeable to the warrant for the annual Town Meeting, the meeting was called to order by Moderator, Daniel Elliott, on March 13, 1990 at 7:00 PM at the Benton Community Building in Benton, N.H.

Town meeting opened with the warrant being read by Moderator, Daniel Elliott. A motion was then made and seconded, then voted upon, to recess town meeting and open the School Meeting.

Town Meeting was reopened at 7:35 P.M.

Article 1: This article read: To choose a moderator for three years, a Supervisor of the Checklist for three years, a Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, A Sexton for one year, a Town Clerk for one year, a Tax Collector for one year, a Treasurer for one year and all other agents necessary for the ensuing year.

Results: John Elliott and Frank Drew were the two nominees for Selectman for three years. A ballot vote was taken and John Elliott was the chosen official with a total count of 51 votes and 15 for Frank Drew. Jane Elliott was chosen by voice vote as Supervisor of the Check List for three years. Joseph Boutin Jr. was chosen as Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three years. Helena Harris was elected as Town Clerk for a term of one year. Dorothy Elliott was chosen as Tax Collector for a term of one year. Priscilla Boutin was chosen as Treasurer for a term of one year. Daniel Elliott was elected as Moderator for a term of one year. Barbara Roden was elected as Auditor for a term of one year and Joseph Boutin, Jr. was chosen as Surveyor of

Wood and Lumber for a term of one year. The Dog Officer position was not able to be filled so it was decided that Linda Smith, Haverhill Dog Officer, who is willing, would do this at an hourly rate of \$8.00, if the need arises for a dog officer in town. It was suggested that it be left up to the Selectmen as to getting hold of her if the need arises.. It was explained that anyone needing her should call a Selectman and tell them the trouble and they would decide if she should be called. As to the Sexton position, this was unable to be filled. It was suggested that we have no Sexton and everyone get together and do their part as needed, from the months of May to September in the cemeteries. Motion was then made to pass a sheet of paper around and anyone who is willing to help can sign their name on this before they leave the meeting. David Harris was nominated to help in any burying that has to be done as he knows the cemetery. The motion was seconded and voted upon in the affirmative. Iona Boutin was elected as Ballot Clerk for a term of one year and Kate Goodwin was elected as Ballot Inspector for a term of one year.

Article 2: This article read: To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article.

Article 3: This article read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for roads that was previously established.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article.

Article 4: This article read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Tunnel Brook Bridge work, that was previously established. It was asked if this money was used toward anything else, the answer was no, it will be used only for this stated purpose. Carol Miles asked if any money we have put into the bridge in the past year would be reimbursed to the town when the State does the bridge work, the answer was no.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article as written.

Article 5: This article read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$193.20 for Bentons' share of a minimum of \$4,000 to be used in conjunction with the North Country Councils' efforts to assist with the formation of a workable, affordable, recycling plan for the Ammonoosuc Solid Waste District.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article.

Article 6: This article read: (A) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of a used one-ton dump truck with plow to service and plow the Town roads, or \$25,000 for a new truck and plow. (B) To see if the Town will vote to erect a Town Garage on Town land to house equipment purchased in part A of this article.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to reject this article. During discussion, it was stated

that insurance fees, a man driving the truck, maintainance and so forth, would cost the Town a lot of money. It was also stated that with the tax increase that is sure to hit us next year because of increased school fees, we are taxed enough without this extra cost. It was brought up that this would be cheaper in the long run than the amount of money we are putting into plowing the way it is being done now. John Elliott, Selectman, read some figures that he had got from different towns on what they charged for doing their roads. These were towns with about the same road milage as we have and their costs were similar to ours.

Article 7: This article read: (A) To see if the town will vote to have the town road work, maintainance and plowing put up for bids every two years. (B) Shall all bids received by published in a local newspaper with names and amounts of all bids submitted. This information to be published not later than (2) weeks after the Selectmen have made their decision.

Results: A motion was made and seconded to keep the road bids as they are now. Jim Elliott, Sr. asked how Selectmen determine who gets the Road Agent job. The Selectmen said they they figure if the agent is doing a good job and wants it next time, he would be chosen for the job. It was asked why the Town can't choose a road agent through the fact of least money charged with a good job done. It was felt that this would be the most democratic way to do this. As there was some discussion as to whether this is the right way or wrong way, it was decided to take a ballot vote. The results were: To accept the article -

12 and to reject the article - 50. There was no need to discuss section B and the first section was rejected.

Article 8: This article read: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for an optional veterans exemption, and expand qualifying war service for veterans seeking the exemption? The optional veterans exemption is \$100, rather than \$50. (2) Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, IV for an optional property tax exemption on residential property for a service-connected total disability? The optional disability exemption is \$1400, rather than \$700.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to reject this article.

Article 9: This article read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the support of the Northern Grafton County Adult Education Program.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article.

Article 10: This article read: To see if the Town will vote to designate and proclaim April 22, 1990 as "Earth Day - 1990" and set aside that day for public activities promoting preservation of the global environment and launching the "Decade of the Environment."

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article.

Article 11: This article read: To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget and will vote to raise and

appropriate all sums so determined.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to pass over this article until article 13 is acted upon.

Article 12: This article read: To see if the Town will appoint a committee to study the feasibility of constructing a system of dry hydrants and to get estimates of the cost of this project.

Robert Miles said he checked into this and it really wouldn't make much of a difference. If we needed a fire truck it would still cost us for them to come out to Benton. Peter Thompson, Selectman, said that if we had these hydrants it would cost us less than it does now if the trucks had to come to Benton and they wouldn't need to carry so much equipment. The trucks can only carry so much water and these hydrants would be a big help in case of a fire. When asked just what a dry hydrant is, Peter Thompson explained that it is a pipe in the ground that is connected into a pond or brook with a tank hook-up on the top of it. The fire truck would then just hook into the hydrant to get water if it was needed.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article.

Article 13: This article read: To see what action the Town will take about a Police Department.

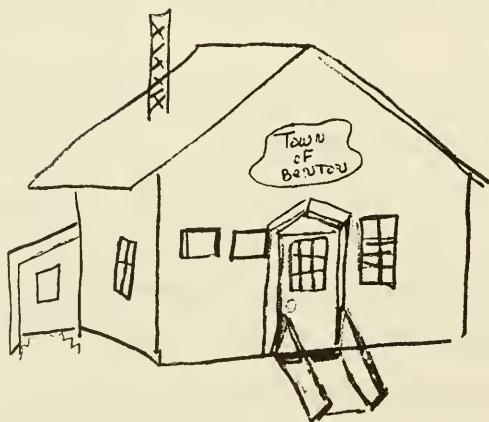
Results: John Roden voiced his opinion that he thinks that we cannot handle an expense such as this in this coming year. He made a motion which was seconded and voted upon not to take any action on this article as of now.

Continuation of Article 11: Marjorie Robitzer, Selectman, pointed out that the \$1000 appropriated for the Police Department would be taken from the recommended budget. John Roden suggested that it be left in the budget in case we need it. Laurie Elliott said that the Auditor should get more pay since this is a hard job. She recommended that we raise the auditors' salary from \$25 to \$50. Melinda Boutin wanted to know why we couldn't have a dumpster situated somewhere in town. Marjorie Robitzer explained that a dumpster must be monitored. It can't just sit anywhere as it could then be used by anyone, not just townspeople.

Results: This article was then passed after a motion was made to do so, then seconded and voted upon.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

Helena Harris
Benton Town Clerk



Marriages Registered In The Town
Of Benton, NH
For Year Ending Dec. 1990

Date & Name of Bride & Groom	Birthplace Of Bride & Groom	Father Mother
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July 3, 1990

Lynn Florence	Nashua, NH	Gerald Florence Nona Conrad
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Jeffrey Mayo	St. Johnsbury, Vermont	Lawrence Mayo Beverly Morse
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Births Registered In the Town
Of Benton, NH
For Year Ending Dec. 1990

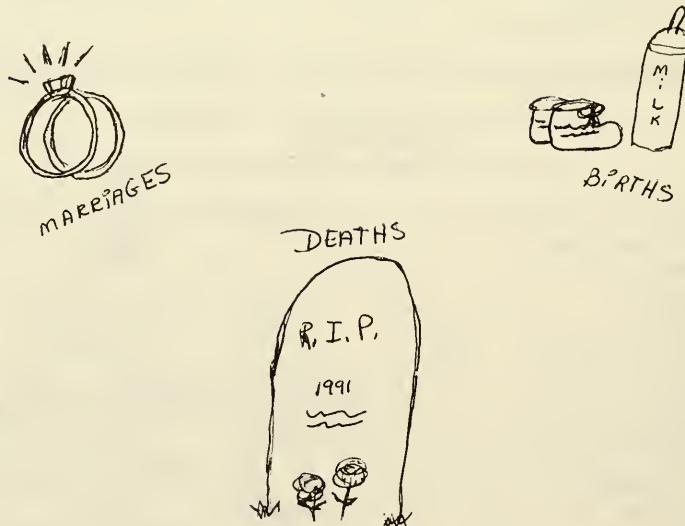
Date & Babies Name	Birthplace	Parents
Alicia Rose Pesce Born: 01-04-90	Littleton, NH	Dawn Pesce Francesco Pesce, Jr
Cathy Louise Mayo Born: 12-08-90	Haverhill, NH	Lynn Mayo Jeffrey Mayo

Deaths Registered In The town
Of Benton, NH
For Year Ending December, 1990

Date & Deceased Name	Age	Parents
BirthPlace 01-17-90	79	Henry Pregent Lizzie Feroe
Chauncey Pregent Keene, NH	77	Webster Cater Bessie Whitehouse
02-25-90	84	Johnathan Moses Emma Jerome
Catherine Rogier Manchester, NH	79	Joseph LaRochelle Aurelie Drapeau
03-14-90		
Perley Moses Tunbridge, Vt		
04-1-90		
Lucien LaRochelle Lawrence, Mass.		

Deaths Continued:

04-07-90 Roland Straw Hereford, Quebec, Canada	55	Merwin Straw Irene Hann
05-12-90 Napoleon Cote Manchester, NH	86	Ibrahim Cote Evangeline Cayouette
06-05-90 Doris McQuillen Haverhill, Mass.	74	Unknown Unknown
10-07-90 John Hollinrake Methuen, Mass.	61	Ernest Hollinrake Lucy Hirst
11-09-90 Max Metwajewa Bremer Haven, Germany	87	Joseph Metwajewa Anna Gloss
11-16-90 Paul Vittum Easton, Mass.	55	Clifford Vittum Evelyn Reynolds
12-19-90 Yvonne Mathieu Manchester, NH	72	Edmond Blanchette Eva Turcotte



ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICERS
SCHOOL BOARD

Paula Boutin	Term Expires 1991
Laurie Elliott	Term Expires 1992
Scott Roden	Term Expires 1993

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mr. John Elliott, Jr.	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Dorothy Elliott	Auditor
Mrs. Helena Harris	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Douglas B. McDonald, Ed.D.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS
Keith M. Pfeifer
James Gaylord

Record of Affirmative Votes for:
Annual School Meeting
March 13, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Moderator John G. Elliott, Jr. Mr. Elliott read the school warrant and the following action was taken on the articles in the school warrant.

ARTICLE 1: This article read: To choose a Moderator for the coming year. Results: John Elliott, Jr. was chosen Moderator for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2: This article read: To choose a clerk for the coming year. Results: Helena Harris was chosen clerk for the coming year.

ARTICLE 3: This article read: To choose a member of the school board for a three year term ending in 1993. Results: Scott Roden was chosen as a three year member.

ARTICLE 4: This article read: To choose a Treasurer for the coming year. Results: Maxine Tyler was chosen as Treasurer for the coming year.

ARTICLE 5: This article read: To hear reports of agents, committees or officers and pass any vote related thereto. Results: A motion was made and this article was passed.

ARTICLE 6: This article read: To choose agents, auditors and committee in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. Results: Dorothy Elliott was chosen as auditor for the coming year.

ARTICLE 7: This article read: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as estimated to be received from the state board to certify the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. Results: Keith Pfeifer, Assistant Superintendent, was on hand to answer any questions the town had. It was noted that \$175,523.00 was budgeted for next year. Was asked what the big jump from last year was caused by. This is due to the fact that five more students are listed for this year than last year. Estimated Revenue was discussed. Last year \$59,812.00 was estimated and this year \$139,101.00 was estimated from local sources (taxes). It was also noted that Revenue from State Sources (Foundation Aid) has dropped from \$51,576.00 to \$15,252.00. This is going to make a big difference in our taxes. It was asked what is going to happen when Foundation Aid money runs out, but as of now no one knows what will happen. There is quite a bit of concern by the towns people over the Foundation Aid drop. Laurie Drew wanted to know if there was a way for the Kindergarten kids to get to school this fall. Would a bus pick them up. This would have to be voted upon so further

discussion of this was unnecessary as it was not listed in the warrant. A motion was made and seconded to accept this article.

ARTICLE 8: This article read: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Results: As there was not other business to discuss this article was motioned and seconded to accept.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM

Helena L. Harris
Benton School Board
Secretary

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BENTON
SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 12th day of March, 1991 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose one Member of the School Board, for a three year term ending in 1994.

ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district.

ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 22 day of January, 1991

Laurie Elliott, Chairman

Paula Boutin

Scott Roden
BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	1989-1990 *****			1990-1991 *			1991-1992 *		
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS-ITINERANTS	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	\$8,700.00	74,556.02	105,325.00	114,325.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS-REGIONAL CENTER	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	31,200.00	10,560.00	35,280.00	36,782.00	1,502.00	1,502.00	1,502.00	
1300 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	TOTAL *		2,400.00	2,450.00		7,650.00-	7,650.00-	7,650.00-	
1420 RC SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL *				700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	
2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	700.00		100.00		300.00-	300.00-	300.00-	
2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY	FUNCTION	TOTAL *			3,472.00	3,365.00	107.00-	107.00-	107.00-	
2159 SPEECH-SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL *								
2331 SCHOOL BOARD	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	5,307.00	2,291.61	5,307.00	2,830.00	477.00-	477.00-	477.00-	
2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00				
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	70.00	60.70	75.00	61.00	14.00-	14.00-	14.00-	
2316 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	16.00		16.00	32.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	
2317 AUDIT	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	30.00		30.00	30.00				
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	3,609.00	3,606.16	5,338.00	4,426.00	912.00-	912.00-	912.00-	
2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-CEN ADR	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	9,175.00	9,375.00	4,80.00	500.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	
2557 TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	16,660.00	16,233.12	16,660.00	16,250.00	2,410.00-	2,410.00-	2,410.00-	
2553 INDICATED TRANSPORTATION	FUNCTION	TOTAL *			2,574.00	2,574.00				
2660 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	600.00	600.00						
1 GENERAL FUND	FUND	TOTAL *	154,203.00	137,831.33	175,523.00	179,891.00	4,360.00	4,360.00	4,360.00	
DISTRICT TOTAL ****		154,283.00	137,831.33	175,523.00	179,891.00	4,368.00				

1-GENERAL FUND

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
	***** 1989-1990 *****	***** 1990-1991 *****	***** 1991-1992 *****				
FUNCTION 1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS-ITINERANTS							
561 TUITION TO LEAS IN MI	OBJECT TOTAL *	86,700.00	76,556.02	105,375.00	114,375.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS-ITINERANTS	FUNCTION TOTAL *	86,700.00	76,556.02	105,375.00	114,375.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
FUNCTION 1700 SPECIAL PROGRAMS-REGIONAL CENTER							
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL *	600.00		28,000.00	78,000.00		
370 INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL *			7,477.00	6,977.00		
330 PUPIL SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL *			1,303.00	1,303.00		
561 TUITION TO LEAS IN MI	OBJECT TOTAL *	30,600.00	30,660.00	36,600.00		36,600.00	
1700 SPECIAL PROGRAMS-REGIONAL CENTER	FUNCTION TOTAL *	31,200.00	30,660.00	35,280.00	36,782.00	1,502.00	
FUNCTION 1300 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS							
567 TUITION TO LEAS OUTSIDE MI	OBJECT TOTAL *			2,400.00	2,650.00		
1300 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION TOTAL *			2,400.00	2,650.00		
FUNCTION 1420 RC SUMMER SCHOOL							
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL *					700.00	700.00
1420 RC SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION TOTAL *					700.00	700.00
FUNCTION 2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES							
330 PUPIL SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL *		700.00		300.00		300.00
2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	FUNCTION TOTAL *		700.00		300.00		300.00
FUNCTION 2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY							
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT TOTAL *					3,472.00	3,363.00
							107.00

1 -GENERAL FUND		EXPENSE ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION		*****1989-1990*****		* 1990-1991 *		* 1991-1992 *	
						BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET	
										+/-	
FUNCTION 2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*							
2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*							
FUNCTION 2159 SPEECH-SUMMER SCHOOL		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*							
2159 SPEECH-SUMMER SCHOOL		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*							
FUNCTION 2311 SCHOOL BOARD		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*							
2311 SCHOOL BOARD		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*							
110 REGULAR SALARIES		OBJECT	TOTAL	*	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	
230 FICA		OBJECT	TOTAL	*	7.00	6.51	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	
522 LIABILITY INSURANCE		OBJECT	TOTAL	*	2,500.00	1,499.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	500.00	
610 SUPPLIES		OBJECT	TOTAL	*						20.00	20.00
630 BOOKS		OBJECT	TOTAL	*							
810 DUES AND FEES		OBJECT	TOTAL	*	350.00	336.10	350.00	353.00	353.00	3.00	
2311 SCHOOL BOARD		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	3,107.00	2,291.61	3,307.00	2,830.00	2,830.00	477.00	
FUNCTION 2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*							
2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	
370 STATISTICAL SERVICES		OBJECT	TOTAL	*							
FUNCTION 2313 DISTRICT TREASURER		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*							
110 REGULAR SALARIES		OBJECT	TOTAL	*	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
532 POSTAGE		OBJECT	TOTAL	*	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.00	11.00	
610 SUPPLIES		OBJECT	TOTAL	*	70.00	70.00	70.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*							

1 -GENERAL FUND		DESCRIPTION		*****1989-1990*****		*****1991-1992*****	
EXPENSE ACCOUNT		OBJECT	TOTAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
FUNCTION 2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS							
110 REGULAR SALARIES		FUNCTION	TOTAL	* 16,00	-----	16,00	32,00
2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS		FUNCTION	TOTAL	* 16,00	-----	16,00	32,00
FUNCTION 2317 AUDIT							
390 OTHER PURCHASED PROF SERVICES		OBJECT	TOTAL	* 30,00	-----	30,00	30,00
2317 AUDIT		FUNCTION	TOTAL	* 30,00	-----	30,00	30,00
FUNCTION 2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT							
351 SAU SERVICES		OBJECT	TOTAL	* 3,609.00	-----	3,609.00	5,138.00
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT		FUNCTION	TOTAL	* 3,609.00	-----	3,608.00	5,138.00
FUNCTION 2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM							
359 OTHER MANAGEMENT SERVICES		OBJECT	TOTAL	* 9,325.00	-----	9,325.00	4,600.00
2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM		FUNCTION	TOTAL	* 9,325.00	-----	9,325.00	4,600.00
FUNCTION 2552 TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL							
513 PUPIL TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS		OBJECT	TOTAL	* 16,000.00	16,193.12	16,000.00	14,000.00
521 PROPERTY INSURANCE		OBJECT	TOTAL	* 500.00	40.00	500.00	250.00
870 CONTINGENCY		OBJECT	TOTAL	* 2,160.00	-----	2,160.00	2,160.00
2552 TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL		FUNCTION	TOTAL	* 16,660.00	16,233.12	16,660.00	14,250.00
FUNCTION 2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION							
513 PUPIL TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS		OBJECT	TOTAL	* -----	-----	2,574.00	2,574.00

J -GENERAL FUND		EXPENSE ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION		***** 1989-1990 *****		***** 1990-1991 *****		***** 1991-1992 *****	
						BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET	
FUNCTION 2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION		FUNCTION 2660 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES		CONTINUED							
2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION		2660 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*					
J60 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES		J60 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES		OBJECT	TOTAL	*	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
2660 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES		2660 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES		FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
1 GENERAL FUND		1 GENERAL FUND		FUND	TOTAL	**	156,703.00	137,831.33	175,523.00	179,891.00	4,168.00
				DISTRICT TOTAL ****			156,703.00	137,831.33	175,523.00	179,891.00	4,168.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

ESTIMATED REVENUE

		<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1991-92</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balance</u>			
<u>1100 Revenue From Local Sources</u>			
<u>1100 Taxes</u>	22,391.00	15,000.00	
<u>3000 Revenue From State Sources</u>			
<u>3110 Foundation Aid</u>	131,729.00	144,864.00	
<u>4000 Revenue From Federal Sources</u>			
<u>4810 Forest Reserve</u>	15,233.00	13,047.00	
<u>Total</u>	<u>6,170.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	
	<u>175,523.00</u>	<u>179,891.00</u>	

School Tax

1986	\$22.91
1987	7.90
1988	4.89
1989	7.09
1990	15.22
1991 (Estimated)	16.65

(\$8,436 = \$1.00)
(\$8,655 = \$1.00)
(\$8,700 = \$1.00)

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES
EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For Year Ending June 30, 1990

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
REVENUE		
Local Taxes	\$59,812.00	\$59,812.00
Interest on Investments	1,578.75	
State Sources		
Foundation Aid	51,576.00	51,576.01
National Forest Reserve	6,170.00	8,750.61
Vocational School Tuition		1,530.00
Vocational School Transportation		193.12
Catastrophic Aid	.	56.48
 Total Revenues	 \$117,558.00	 \$123,496.97
 EXPENDITURES		
Instruction		
Regular Education	\$88,700.00	\$74,556.02
Special Education	31,200.00	30,660.00
Vocational Education		2,400.00
General Administration		
Psychological Services	700.00	
School Board	3,439.00	2,398.31
S.A.U. #23	12,984.00	12,983.88
Data Processing Services	600.00	600.00
Transportation		
Contract Services	16,660.00	14,233.12
 Town Expenditures	 \$154,283.00	 \$137,831.33
 Excess Expenditures over Revenue		\$14,334.36
 Fund Balance -- July 1, 1989		\$36,725.29
 Fund Balance -- June 30, 1990		\$22,390.93

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1990

ASSETS

Current Assets

Account No.

100 Cash	\$ 3,616.74
140 Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>19,192.61</u>
Total Assets	\$22,809.35

General

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Account No.

410 Intergovernmental Payables	\$ 275.42
420 Other Payables	<u>143.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 418.42

Fund Equity

Account No.

770 Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>\$22,390.93</u>
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Total Fund Equity

Total Liabilities and Fund Equity

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1990

TAXES

<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>General</u>
1121 Current Appropriation	\$ <u>59,812.00</u>
Total Taxes	\$ 59,812.00
1500 Earnings on Investments	\$ <u>1,578.75</u>
Total Other Revenue from Local Sources	\$ 1,578.75
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 61,390.75

<u>Revenue From State Sources</u>	
<u>Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
3110 Foundation Aid	\$ <u>51,576.01</u>
Total Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid	\$ 51,576.01
3221 Tuition	1,530.00
3222 Transportation	193.12
3240 Catastrophic Aid	<u>56.48</u>
Total Restricted Grants-in-Aid	\$ 1,779.00
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCE	\$ 53,355.61

<u>Revenue From Federal Sources</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
4800 Revenue In' Lieu of Taxes	\$ <u>8,750.61</u>
Total Revenue from Federal Sources	\$ 8,750.61
TOTAL REVENUE	\$123,496.97

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — ELEMENTARY
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1990

		School District — Benton						
Function	Acct. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total
<i>Instruction</i>								
1. Regular Education Programs	1100			65,680 60				65,680 60
2. Special Education Programs	1200			30,660 00				30,660 00
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300							
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400							
<i>Supporting Services</i>								
Pupils	2000							
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110							
6. Guidance	2120							
7. Health	2130							
8. Psychological	2140							
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150							
10. Other Pupils	2190							
<i>Instructional</i>								
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210							
12. Educational Media	2220							
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290							
<i>General Administration</i>								
14. School Board	2310	325 00	4	22	1,011 21			218 46
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320				2,345 77			2,345 77
16. Special Area Administration	2330							
17. Other General Administration	2390				6,093 15			6,093 15
<i>Business</i>								
18. School Administration	2400							
19. Fiscal	2500							
20. Operation & Maint. of Plant	2540							
21. Pupil Transportation	2550					9,126 00		9,126 00
22. Centralized Internal Servs.	2570							
23. Other Business	2590							
24. Managerial	2600					390 00		390 00
25. Other Supporting Services	2900							
26. Total (Total of Lines 1 thru 25)		325 00	4	22	95,101 33			218 46
								95,855 01

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1990

School District — Benton

Function	Acct. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300 400 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total
<i>Instruction</i>								
1. Regular Education Programs	1100							
2. Special Education Programs	1200							
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300							
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400							
<i>Supporting Services</i>								
Pupils	2000							
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110							
6. Guidance	2120							
7. Health	2130							
8. Psychological	2140							
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150							
10. Other Pupils	2190							
<i>Instructional</i>								
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210							
12. Educational Media	2220							
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290							
<i>General Administration</i>								
14. School Board	2310	45 .00			59	160 01		
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320					374 80		
16. Special Area Administration	2330							
17. Other General Administration	2390							
18. School Administration	2400							
Business	2500							
19. Fiscal	2520							
20. Operation of Maint. of Plant	2540							
21. Pupil Transportation	2550							
22. Centralized Internal Svcs.	2570							
23. Other Business	2590							
24. Managerial	2600							
25. Other Supporting Services	2900							
26. Total (Total of Lines 1 thru 25)		45 .00			59	7,448 30		
								30 25
								7,524 14

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — *HIGH*
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1990

School District _____

Benton _____

Function	(1) Acc't. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300 400 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total
<i>Instruction</i>								
1. Regular Education Programs	1100				24,053 18			24,053 28
2. Special Education Programs	1200			2,400 00				2,400 00
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300							
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400							
<i>Supporting Services</i>								
5. Pupil	2000							
6. Guidance	2100							
7. Health	2120							
8. Psychological	2130							
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150							
10. Other Pupils	2190							
<i>Instructional</i>								
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210							
12. Educational Media	2220							
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290							
<i>General Administration</i>								
14. School Board	2310	130 00	1	70	406 68			87 39 673 57
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320				938 31			938 31
16. Special Area Administration	2330							
17. Other General Administration	2390				2,431 50			2,431 50
<i>Business</i>								
18. School Administration	2400							
19. Business	2520							
20. Operation & Maint. of Plant	2540							
21. Pupil Transportation	2550							
22. Centralized Internal Servs.	2570				3,843 52			3,843 52
23. Other Business	2590							
24. Managerial	2600				156 00			156 00
25. Other Supporting Services	2900							
		130 00	1	70	34,231 09			87 39 34,452 18
26. Total (Total of Lines 1 thru 25)								

GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — DISTRICT WIDE
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1990

Function	Acct. No.	(1) Salaries	(2) Employee Benefits	(3) 300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total	School District	Benton
1. Adult/Continuing Education	1600									
2. Community Services	3000									
3. Facilities Acquisition and Construction	4000									
Other Outlays	5000									
4. Debt Service	5100									
Fund Transfers	5200									
5. Transfer to Special Revenue Funds	5220									
6. Transfer to Capital Project Funds	5230									
7. Transfer to Food Service Fund	5240									
8. Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	5250									
9. Total District Wide (Total of Lines 1 thru 8)		500.00	6	51	136,988	72			336	10
10. Total General Fund*									137,811	33

- Total of Page 7, Line 26; 8, Line 26; 9, Line 26; Line 9
- Line 10, Column 7, must agree with Page 16, Line 17, Column 1

ALL FUNDS: SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE INFORMATION
For the Year Ended June 30, 1990

Description	Services (See Note Below)	School District - Benton					
		Function	Object	(1) Elementary	(2) Middle/Jr. High	(3) High	(4) Total
1 Special Education	ALL	30,660.00					30,660.00
2 Tuition to LEAs within New Hampshire	ALL	561	76,340	60	4,822	14	24,053.28
3 Tuition to LEAs outside New Hampshire	ALL	562					2,400.00
4 Tuition to Public Academies (Pinkerton & Coe Brown Only)	ALL	563					
5 Other Tuition	ALL	569					
6 Land	ALL	710					
7 Land Improvements	ALL	720					
8 Buildings	ALL	730					
9. Additional Equipment	ALL	741					
10. Additional Equipment - Furniture and Fixtures	ALL	751					
11. Additional Equipment - Vehicles	ALL	761					
12 Summer School	ALL	1420					

Include all functions except 4000

This above information must be reported to the New Hampshire Department of Education. Do not leave blank.

STATEMENT OF ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
For the Year Ended June 30, 1990

Description	(1) General	(2) Special Revenue	(3) Capital Projects	(4) Food Service	(5) Capital Reserve	
					Additions	Deletions
13. Fund Equity, July 1, 1989	36,725	29				
14. Revenue *						
15. Other Additions *						
16. Total Additions (Lines 14 and 15)	123,496	97				
17. Expenditures ***						
18. Other Deletions *						
19. Total Deletions (Lines 17 and 18)	137,831	33				
20. Fund Equity, June 30, 1990 *** (Lines 13 and 16 less 19)	22,390	93				

ITEMIZATION OF RECEIVABLES: June 30, 1990

School District Benton

Total

- Total must agree with Page 1, Lines 5 and 6.

• • Complete if received prior to filing this report.

ITEMIZATION OF PAYABLES: June 30, 1990

Total

- Total must agree with Page 1, Lines 15, 16 and 17.

* * Complete if prior to tiling this report.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1989 TO JUNE 30, 1990

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1989	\$ 39,189.35
Received from Selectmen (Include only amounts actually received)	\$50,000.00
Balance of Previous Appropriation	
Revenue from State Sources	52,725.61
Revenue from Federal Sources	
Received as income from Trust Funds	161.78
Received from all Other Sources	<u>\$ 1,912.97</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$104,800.36
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR	143,989.71
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	140,372.97
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1990	<u>3,616.74</u>

July 30, 1990

Maxine Tyler
District Treasurer

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, banks statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton, NH of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and find them correct in all respects.

August 4, 1990

Dorothy Elliott
Auditor

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and citizens of the Benton School District, I submit my fourth annual report.

Building projects have taken a great deal of time in the SAU this year. The school districts of Haverhill, Lincoln-Woodstock, Monroe, Piermont and Warren have passed bond issues. Monroe and Warren have completed additions and renovations to their existing schools and the new Lin-Wood Elementary School is nearing completion.

Construction on the additions and renovations at Piermont Village School, Woodsville High School and Woodsville Elementary School as well as renovations to Lincoln-Woodstock Middle High School will begin shortly, and should be completed by September, 1991.

Construction of the new middle school in Haverhill is expected to start this summer and be completed by August, 1992. The new and renovated facilities in the Haverhill Cooperative School District will provide a much better learning environment for Benton students attending the Haverhill schools.

The School Administrative Unit has been working on a number of short and long term goals this year. The school board policy committee has met on a monthly basis to continue the revision and development of school board policies. SAU curriculum committees in mathematics, science, technology education, health education and music are developing and revising written K-12 curricula. This summer a curriculum committee will begin to review and revise the K-12 Language Arts/Reading curriculum. A five year cycle has been established by the SAU Board in which curricula in all areas will be developed, evaluated and revised.

Other SAU goals include continuing to work toward a coordinated Gifted and Talented program and the development of a technology plan. The SAU gifted and talented committee has sponsored workshops for teachers and encouraged our schools to become involved in the Odyssey of the Mind program. As a result of their leadership a number of schools in the SAU have formulated teams to compete. We hope to expand this program in 1991-92 to offer additional opportunities for our students. The SAU computer and technology committee, chaired by Jeff Stimson is in the process of developing a technology plan to include site based computer business and educational systems and the use of technology within the classrooms. We anticipate they will present their recommendations to the SAU Board during the 1991-92 school year.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Superintendent and I would like to thank the school board, faculty, parents and members of the community for your continued support of our schools. I hope that we will continue to work together to make the schools Benton students attend a wonderful place for children.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas B. McDonald, Ed.D

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I hereby submit my second annual report to the Town of Benton.

It has been a pleasure working with the Benton School Board as it prepared its annual budget. The increase in this budget may be found in the factors of rising student population, and increased tuition costs.

The budget presented has been given much thought and discussion. It fiscally represents the needs of the students of Benton.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gaylord
Assistant Superintendent

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 23

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S AND
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents.

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of S.A.U. #23 during the 1990-91 school year will receive a salary of \$67,057.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendents will receive salaries of \$53,500.00 and \$49,500.00 prorated among the several school districts.

The table below shows the proration of salaries to each school district:

	SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
Bath	\$ 3,018.00
Benton	543.00
Haverhill Cooperative	23,228.00
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	28,673.00
Monroe	6,203.00
Piermont	2,763.00
Warren	<u>2,629.00</u>
	<u>\$67,057.00</u>

	(1) ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY	(2) ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
Bath	\$ 2,408.00	\$ 2,228.00
Benton	433.00	401.00
Haverhill Coop	18,532.00	17,147.00
Lincoln-Woodstock	22,877.00	21,166.00
Monroe	4,949.00	4,579.00
Piermont	2,204.00	2,039.00
Warren	<u>2,097.00</u>	<u>1,940.00</u>
	<u>\$53,500.00</u>	<u>\$49,500.00</u>

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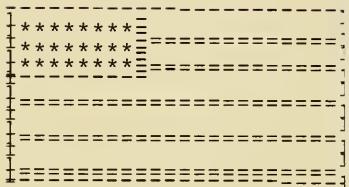
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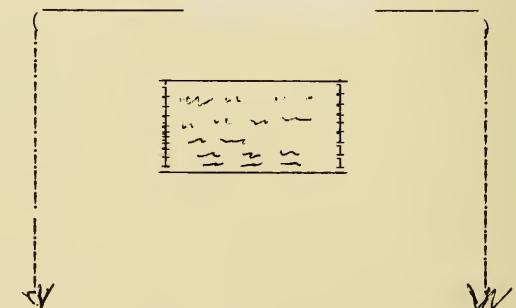
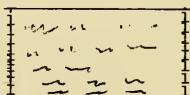
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who served in the Armed Forces of our country
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Harold Boutin
John Elliott

Joseph Boutin

Francis Boutin
Frederick Grove Luis Muñoz Marín
Russell Elliott
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